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Dear Neighbors:

On behalf of my Village Board teammates Deputy Mayor Garrard Beeney and Trustee Isabel Milano I would like to thank all those residents who took the time to vote and re-elect us in a forgone conclusion-uncontested election on March 18. Your votes of confidence are an inspiration to continue to work toward achieving our goals. Foremost among them is the completion of the adoption of a Comprehensive (Master) Plan and the implementation of the legislation that will effectuate the plan. When adopted the plan will do more than anything in our history towards preserving our Village's existing character. We will continue our open space preservation efforts presently focused on the Westwood property and a proposed nature preserve, and will continue to work to accomplish the renovation of Village Hall and the upgrading our or Police Department in spite of recent retrenchments due to budget limitations. We look forward to further advancing the important work of the Community Advisory Board which under Trustee Milano's direction has made great strides in its mission to enhance life for our Village youth. And we will continue to further the conversion of the rundown old transformer building on Astor Street into a 19 unit residential space with 4 units of affordable housing.

At our Village's annual organizational meeting on April 15th, it was my pleasure to present the Adele M. Warnock Good Citizenship Award to Peter K. Oley. Peter has been a Village activist for 47 years. His initiative led to the rejuvenation of the previously dormant Irvington Historical Society in 1995, which has grown from zero to now more than 600 members. His leadership has built a firm foundation for the future of the society in the form of a new Irvington History Center to be established in a restored historic house on Main Street. He has been the Village's official historian since 1996.

Peter was a founding member of the Irvington Environmental Club in 1971 which spawned what is now the Environmental Conservation Board on which he served for 27 years. He is presently active in his 47th consecutive season of coaching track at Irvington High School. He is a legendary figure in High School track and field, and was inducted into the Westchester Sports Hall of Fame in 2002, the only Irvington sports figure to have ever earned that honor.

Finally, welcome to our new Police Chief Louis E. Grieco and to our new Superintendent of Public Works Gregory R. Nilsson who are featured in articles elsewhere in this newsletter.

Dennis P. Flood, Mayor

Adele Warnock Good Citizenship Award



Mayor Dennis Flood congratulates Peter Oley as the 2003 Adele M. Warnock Good Citizenship Award recipient

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